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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S REMARKS ON POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
RELATIONS WITH CUBA

1. IN RESPONSE TO JULY 1 PRESS INQUIRIES REGARDING THE LIKELIHOOD  
OF VENEZUELA REESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA,  
FOREIGN MINISTER SCHACT IS REPORTED AS HAVING REPLIED AS FOLLOWS:  
"YOU ARE ALWAYS ASKING ME ABOUT THIS AND I ALWAYS REPLY IN THE  
SAME MANNER: RELATIONS WITH CUBA DEPEND UPON A SERIES OF CIRCUM-  
STANCES THAT ARE NOT EXCLUSIVELY DETERMINED BY VENEZUELA BUT BY  
OTHER COUNTRIES THAT MAY BE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE RENEWAL OF  
RELATIONS WITH THAT COUNTRY, BECAUSE THE POLICY OF PRESIDENT  
PEREZ IS NOT TO RENEW RELATIONS WITH CUBA UNILATERALLY BUT  
COLLECTIVELY WITH A GROUP OF COUNTRIES."

2. MEANWHILE PRESS REPORTS CITING AN "OFFICIAL" SOURCE CLAIM  
THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SCHACHT WILL DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE JOINT  
RECOGNITION OF CUBA BY VENEZUELA AND COLOMBIA WITH COLOMBIAN  
FOREIGN MINISTER ALFREDO VASQUEZ CARRIZOSA WHEN THE LATTER  
ARRIVES IN CARACAS JULY 2. THE SAME "OFFICIAL" SOURCE CLAIMS  
THAT THE JOINT VENEZUELAN/COLOMBIAN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL OCCUR  
AUGUST 7 SHORTLY AFTER THE INAUGURATION OF COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT-  
ELECT LOPEZ MICHELSEN.

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3. MEANWHILE THE LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATIONS ATTENDING THE UN  
CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA HAVE REPORTEDLY AGREED, ON THE  
BASIS OF A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, TO  
INCLUDE CUBA IN THE LATIN AMERICAN CAUCUS AT THE CONFERENCE.  
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